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1. SUBSEQUENT NEWS REPORTS FROM ST LUCIA INDICATE ELECTION RESULTS BEING CHALLENGED IN AT LEAST TWO CONSTITUENCIES:
1) VIEUX FORT NORTH WHERE OPPOSITION ST LUCIA LABOR PARTY (SLP) CANDIDATE BRUCE WILLIAMS WAS INITIALLY DECLARED WINNER BY ONE VOTE OVER UWP CANDIDATE HENRY GIRAUDY; AND (2) CASTRIES SOUTHEAST WHERE UWP CANDIDATE MRS HERALDINE ROCK WAS DECLARED WINNER BY 75 VOTES OVER GEORGE ODLUM, A PRIME CONTENDER FOR LEADERSHIP OF THE SLP. DEPENDING UPON RESULTS OF RECOUNTS IN THESE TWO CONSTITUENCIES UWP COULD INCREASE ITS PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY TO TEN OR SLP COULD POSSIBLY EMERGE WITH ONE SEAT PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY. CLOSENESS OF ELECTION AND PARTICULARLY CLOSE VOTES IN SOME DISTRICTS, COUPLED WITH REPORTEDLY HIGH PERCENTAGE OF REJECTED BALLOTS, RAISE PROSPECT THAT OTHER
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RESULTS MAY BE CHALLENGED, POSSIBLY TO BE RESOLVED IN PROTRACTED

COURT CASES.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, NONE OF FIVE INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES
FARED WELL. BASED ON INITIAL COUNTS RESULTS OF MAJOR RACES
AS FOLLOWS: PREMIER JOHN COMPTON WON EASILY OVER INDEPENDENT
FRANCIS FLOOD; NOMINAL SLP LEADER KENNETH FOSTER NARROWLY
DEFEATED IRA D'AUVERGNE; INCUMBENT TRADE MINISTER GEORGE MALLET
WAS DECLARED WINNER OVER FORMER EDUCATION MINISTER HUNTER
FRANCOIS (SLP) AND INDEPENDENT JULIAN HUNTE; EVANS CALDERON
(SLP) DEFEATED LABOR MINISTER JOSEPH (J.M.D.) BOUSQUET;
JON ODLUM (SLP) WON OVER PRIMROSE BLEDMAN; GREGOR MASON (SLP)
DEFEATED COMMUNICATION AND WORKS MINISTER IGNATIUS FELICIEN;
EDUCATION MINISTER ALLAN BOUSQUET DEFEATED TOM WALCOTT; PETER
JOSIE (SLP) OVER JOSEPH DESIR; AND FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE ALLAN
LOUISY (SLP) DEFEATED CYRIL LANDERS.
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